

April 7<sup>th</sup>

**FINANCE- BUDGET/ HB 1 AND 2** HB1 passed 205-178. HB2 (budget trailer) passed 200-181.

Today, the NH House passed a budget. This budget cuts taxes for NH businesses and taxpayers, cutting the Business Enterprise Tax, Business Profits Tax, cutting \$100M in statewide property taxes (financial relief for property owners),

- lowering the room and meals tax, and phasing out I&D taxes ...while reducing spending, still funding critical services, and increasing state aid for charities and school districts.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD/ \$600 MILLION FOR LOBBIEST

100 MILLION IN SWEEP FUNDS

*-Planned Parenthood - 28% decrease* *nd 2019*

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW**

- HB161 (199-175) relative to the calculation of child support.
  - The bill revises the child support guideline percentages (long overdue), increases the self-support reserve amount so people are not put into homelessness by child support defines a shared parenting plan as "where the child overnights with each parent 30 percent or more of the time" (as experts recommend), and provides a credit for shared parenting.
- HB494 (201-178) relative to temporary relief and permanent restraining orders issued in a divorce proceeding.
  - This bill provides that the court shall not issue an order in a divorce proceeding that infringes on a party's constitutional rights.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE /PUBLIC SAFETY**

- HB334 (223-145) allowing the carrying of a loaded pistol or revolver on a snowmobile or ATV. (We are already a Constitutional carry state.)
- HB338 (by bipartisan voice vote) making the crime of dog theft a misdemeanor,
  - the 2nd instance a class B felony, and any subsequent instance a class A felony and also making it a crime to remove certain dog collars from certain dogs.
- HB 179 (249-120) relative to enhanced penalties based on prior convictions for driving under the influence of drugs or liquor.
  - Establishes enhanced penalty for persons convicted of negligent homicide who have prior convictions for driving under the influence.
  - Will officially be called "Tyler Shaw law" who was killed by a drunk driver that had 2 separate drunk driving convictions.
- HB 195 (198-169) adding display of a ~~firearm~~ <sup>firearm</sup> as an exception to reckless conduct.
- HB 196 (208-159) adding trespass as an exception to the charge of criminal threatening.
  - Adds an exception to the criminal threatening statute for a person who displays a firearm to warn away a trespasser.
- HB 307 (191-162) relative to the state preemption of the regulation of firearms and ammo.

- provides that a town / school can not make their own ordinances prohibiting firearms/ ammo components or Knives/ \*\*\* it is ALREADY illegal for a student to have a firearm\*\*\*

## EDUCATION

- HB69 (204-169) permitting school boards to provide copies of the national motto of the United States "In God We Trust" for display in schools.
- HB140 (207-169) creating a private right of action for bullying and cyber bullying.
- HB182 (208-169) requiring a high school to grant credit for coursework completed at other approved schools.
- HB278 (190-185) gives public charter schools the first right of refusal for the purchase or lease of vacant, unused public-school facilities and property.
- HB282 (198-178) removing the requirement that a private school be nonsectarian in order to be approved as a school tuition program.
- HB319 (188-187) requiring university system and community college system students, as a requirement for graduation, to pass the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test. (The House already passed this requirement at the high school level last month, and that bill is moving through the Senate.)
- HB321 (by bipartisan voice vote) requiring all public schools to send annual reports to the DOE detailing the policies and procedures that are in place to identify and accommodate the needs of gifted students.
- HB388 (199-175) revising the procedures for a change of school or assignment because of educational hardships.

\*\* ACTAULLY <sup>Schools</sup> UNDER EXECUTIVE DEPT. JUST RESONATES WITH SCHOOLS HB544  
(Motion to Table passed 347-18) prohibiting the dissemination of certain divisive concepts and prohibiting the teaching of racist ideology to students and employees of state schools.

## ELECTION LAW

- HB77 (212-158) requiring town and city clerks provide a daily update of candidates who have filed for nomination to the Secretary of State (and clarifies that the filing is to occur on the day filings occur, not necessarily daily).
- HB98 (195-174) changing the date of the state primary election to the first Tuesday in June (from September), and moves the filing period to the 4th Wednesday in April. This provides winners of a primary more time to raise money and gain support.
- HB223 (202-169) authorizing political parties to request and subscribe to the absentee ballot request list from the Secretary of State. Currently only candidates can do this.
- HB263 (196-173) related to campaign finance reform, repealing expenditure limits and modifying the maximum contribution amount a person may contribute to candidate/ political committees.
- HB285 (199-172) modifying the procedures for ongoing verification of the information contained in voter checklists, codifying what should be a regular process of removing invalid voters on the list such as deceased voters, duplicate names and people who have moved.

- HB291 (191-179) requiring that town and city clerks shall make absentee ballot voter lists available for public inspection.
- HB292 (198-174) establishing procedures for the verification of certain mail-in absentee voter applications.
- HB326 (205-165) requiring town and city clerks to make electronic lists of persons who have requested, been mailed, or returned absentee ballots available to candidates who request them.
- HB391 (202-167) increasing the threshold for reporting by political committees.
- HB523 (197-172) requiring a person who registers to vote without any identification to have his or her photo taken before his or her registration to vote is complete.

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

- HB177 (197-159) prohibiting the siting of new landfills, excluding expansions of existing landfills, near state parks

#### **EXECUTIVE DEPT. AND ADMIN**

- HB85 (250-117) switching NH to the Atlantic time zone (triggered only when Maine and Mass. also agree to make a permanent switch to AST so we'd remain in the same time as our neighboring states).
- HB218 (202-165) eliminating the state license currently required for hawkers, peddlers, and itinerant vendors.
- HB273 (330-33) proclaiming 5/13/2021 as youth franchise and youth office holder day.
- HB345 (184-174) establishing a license for wild mushroom identifiers, harvesters and distributors.
- HB417 (328-41) relative to powers of the governor during a renewal of a declared state of emergency.
  - Extends a declared SOS to 30 days rather than 2, so common weathered related emergencies are not affected.
  - IF a SOS is renewed- the legislature must meet to approve the extension AND any executive orders continue in force and are extended in 14-day increments until the legislature can meet again.
  - If any gifts, grants, or other funds obtained for emergency purposes must be accepted by the Governor and council, rather than the Governor alone- which requires fiscal committee involvement from amounts over \$100,000.
  - These changes would go into effect at the end of the current emergency and are prospective only.
- HB575 (203-160) expanding apprenticeship programs in qualifying for licensure as cosmetologist, manicurist, or esthetician.
- HB606 (200-166) clarifying that a person may provide barbering, cosmetology, or esthetics services without remuneration and not be in violation of regulation.
  - allowing you to legally cut your child's hair or file your mother's fingernails.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- HB131 (230-130) clarifying the information hospitals must report regarding infections.
- HB143 (243-114) requiring electronic prescribing for controlled drugs under certain circumstances.
- HB163 (255-101) directing DHHS to make information available at dispensaries regarding the use of cannabis while pregnant or lactating, accidental poisoning and use during adolescence.
- HB381 (264-89) authorizing laboratory testing without a licensed medical practitioner's order.
- HB503 (210-115) establishing a NH commission on homelessness.
- HB605 (passed w/ voice vote) amending definitions in the therapeutic cannabis statute and permitting out-of-state residents to purchase therapeutic cannabis in NH.

## **JUDICIARY**

- HB135 (passed w/ voice vote) requiring parties responsible for pollution of drinking water to be financially responsible for certain consequences.
- HB227 (202-147) relative to termination of tenancy at the expiration of a tenancy or lease (providing written notice that a lease will not be renewing must be given to the tenant at least 30 days prior to the end of the lease term).
  - Adds that expiration of the term of a lease or tenancy of over 6 months as grounds for an eviction.
  - Lease has start and end date and DOES NOT HAVE TO BE RENEWED
- \*\* HB232 (183-164) relative to nonpublic sessions under the right to know law.
  - Permits NONPUBLIC sessions under RSA91-A for consideration of the amount paid, offered, or accepted for the sale or lease of property.
  - NON public sessions would not be permitted for general discussions of whether to proceed with the sale or lease.
- HB236 (passed by voice vote) creating a statute of limitations on civil actions relative to damage caused by poly/ perfluoroalkyl substances.
- HB384 (327-12) prohibiting the sharing of location data by a mobile application developer, telecom carrier or other person.
- \*\*HB440 (192-178) prohibiting the suspension of civil liberties during a state of emergency.
- \*\*HB542 (199-173) providing that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall not apply to houses of worship and providing that the state shall not substantially burden a person's right to the free exercise of religion.
- HB566 (201-174) relative to sealing records in non-public session under the right to know law.
  - Option to make sealed minutes open. OPEN GOV= GOOD GOV.
  - Allows discussion of disclosure of the minutes of a nonpublic session to occur in nonpublic, provided the vote on disclosure takes place in public.
  - Requires that sealed minutes of a nonpublic session related to acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property be released once the transaction closes or the public body decides not to proceed.

**LABOR**

- HB385 (257-117) relative to Worker's Compensation for health and lung disease for firefighters.
  - Repeals the length of time the presumption of heart or lung disease is occupationally related for firefighters.
  - Extends an additional 5 years making it to age 70

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOV.**

- HB67 (193-181) relative to petition warrant articles in official ballot town, school district, and village district meetings. This bill ensures citizens are provided the opportunity to vote on the warrant article's intended purpose.
  - ALREADY A LAW... bit confused on this one.
- \*\*HB183 (211-163) prohibiting municipalities from requiring a license for a lemonade stand operated by a person under the age of 18.
- \*\*HB243 (189-186) relative to the form of municipal budgets. This tool will allow constituents to expand their knowledge of budgets and make it easy to follow year after year.
  - I VOTED NO Per Swanzey request.
  - Requires governing bodies to publish statements of estimated expenditures and revenues for the next fiscal year. (does not say where...)
  - Requires governing bodies to submit to the budget committee info necessary for the preparation of the annual budget in WHAT EVER DETAIL the budget comm requires.
- HB332 (passed with floor vote) relative to deadlines for consideration of developments of regional impact by planning boards.
- \*\* HB374 (200-175) GOOD BILL -relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings. This provides for all day voting at polls on town election day or by absentee ballot upon request.
  - If the town is voting on if they want to be a SB! Or 2 town.
  - Protects those not able to be present IE - Illness, work, prohibits a small group from deciding for the entire town.
- HB484 (199-173) relative to budget committee recommendations on warrant articles.
  - Statutory duty of budget committee to assist residents with financial articles ONLY.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- HB315 (passed by a voice vote) revising the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services. This bill provides both the consumer protections that guarantee a stable and reliable grid while keeping open the pathways to new and more forward-thinking power delivery systems.
- HB351 (198-179) changing the procedure for increasing the system benefits charge assessed for electric customers and clarifies its purpose.

- HB373 (194-180) relative to state participation in low carb and fuel standards programs. - **Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) / state spent \$50,000 on a program we are not joining.**
  - This bill prohibits the department of environmental services from participating in discussions of any state, regional, or national low carb and fuel standards program unless specifically directed by the governor.
  - Will have gas tax increase.

### **STATE RELATIONS AND VETERAN AFFAIRS**

- HR9 (passed by a voice vote) Supporting the principles of federalism.
  - This house resolution is a commitment to all NH citizen's unalienable rights and all constitutional civil authority for the state.
  - This resolution supports and recognizes both state and federal authority and the relationship between the two with the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- HB224 (200-167) allowing for aftermarket tinting of side windows.
- **\*\*HB251 (198-176) TERRIBLE BILL/ SHOULD BE BY WEIGHT** requiring children under the age of two years old to be restrained in a rear facing car seat in a motor vehicle.
  - **Nobody is suggesting a child should NOT be n a car seat.**

### **WAYS AND MEANS**

- HB15 (289-78) modifying definitions and requirements in the meals and rooms tax to include:
  - facilitators of Internet transactions of motor vehicle rentals and facilitators of Internet transactions of room occupancies.

### **THE HOUSE DID NOT PASS: NEED 239**

**CACR1** - (failed 202-171) This constitutional amendment would have prohibited the adoption of a tax on earned personal Income in NH.

**CACR2** - (failed 201-176) This constitutional amendment would have prohibited the adoption of any broad-based sales tax in NH.

**CACR9**(Failed 175-193) providing that municipalities may not raise property taxes greater than 2% per year and no greater than 1% per year on disabled citizens or senior citizens.

**CACR8**-( Failed 201-174) This constitutional amendment would have prohibited the legislature make NO law restricting the right to own, carry, or use firearms or firearm accessories.

**DID NOT PASS:**

- HB206 relative to collective bargaining. (ITL 189-163)
- HB260 providing that certain vehicles shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle. (Failed 181-188)?

**TABLED:**

- HB560 changing the term length of the election of county officers in Rockingham county to four years beginning in 2022. (Tabled 206-167)
- HB279 increasing the maximum gross weight allowed on any truck/ trailer with four or more axles that carries raw forest products. (Tabled 200-173)
- HB155 (Tabled 242-124) renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day.
- HB62 requiring accessed by a covered person to a provider in the insurer's provider directory at in-network rates for the duration of the contract for healthcare services. (Tabled 193-158)
- HB165 relative to noncompete agreements for certain mental health professionals. (Tabled 204-152)
- HB348 requiring a public employer to provide notice of a new or amended collective bargaining agreement. (Tabled 194-184)
- HB266 relative to enforcement of immigration laws and the prohibition of sanctuary policies. (Tabled by voice vote)
- HB439 relative to the powers of city councils, limiting the authority of city councils to make bylaws and ordinances. (Tabled 189-186)
- HB561 requiring the clerk of the court to compile a list of the names of any persons who request to be excused from jury service for lack of residence in the county of jury service and transmit the names on the list to the Secretary of State. (Tabled 284-92)
- HB185 removing the work and community engagement requirements of the NH advantage healthcare program. (Table 203-155)
- HB295 provides a procedure for an individual to obtain a new birth certificate to reflect a sex designation other than that which was assigned at birth. (Table 352-3)
- HB368 relative to claims for medical monitoring. (Table 172-169)
- HB402 requires a 2/3 vote of the legislature for the taking of property in a declared emergency. (Table 169-168)